

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION

H. J. R. No. 21

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, to alter the procedure for amending the Constitution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislature by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, to be entered by yeas and nays on the journals, may propose amendments to the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the Legislature, which proposed amendments shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, the time of which shall be specified by the Legislature, in one weekly newspaper of each county, in which such a newspaper may be published; and it shall be the duty of the several returning officers of said election, to open a poll for, and make returns to the Secretary of State, of the number of legal votes cast at said election for and against said amendments; and if more than one be proposed, then the number of votes cast for and against each of them; and if it shall appear from said return, that a majority of the votes cast, have been cast in favor of any amendment, the said amendment so receiving a majority of the votes cast, shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation shall be made by the Governor thereof."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the Legislature may propose an amendment of the Constitution at any session of the Legislature."

Adopted by the House on February 1, 1971: Yeas 134, Nays 13; passed by the Senate on February 4, 1971: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor February 5, 1971.

Rejected at election held on May 18, 1971.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—LAMAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT—ABOLITION

H. J. R. No. 31

Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas abolishing the Lamar County Hospital District; providing for an election prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 6. On the effective date of this Amendment, the Lamar County Hospital District is abolished. The Commissioners Court of Lamar